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SUBJ: VISIT TO TEHRAN OF DR. VICTOR RABINOWITCH

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1. SUMMARY: DR.VICTOR RABINOWITCH, STAFF DIRECTOR, COMMISSION ON INTERNTAIONAL RELATIONS, NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, VISITED TEHRAN JAN 11-13, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FOLLOWING UP ON DISCUSSIONS INITIATED LAST YEAR ON THE ROLE NAS MIGHT USEFULLY PLAN IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF S&T IN IRAN (REFTELS A & B). END SUMMARY.

2. IN A MEETING WITH DR. BAHMAN PARSA, UNDERSECRETARY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION, THREE FORMS OF POSSIBLE NAS ASSISTANCE TO THE MINISTRY WERE DISCUSSED: (A) NAS WILL PROVIDE A LIST OF DISTRINGUISHED AMERICAN SCIENTISTS FROM WHICH THE MINISTRY MAY SELECT INVITEES TO PRESENT LECTURES IN THE PAHLAVI LECTURE SERIES. THIS SERIES WILL PROBABLY BEGIN APRIL 1975 AND IS DESIGNED TO STIMULATE HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST IN S&T IN IRAN. PAHLAVI LECTURERS WILL BE INVITED TO IRAN FOR A WEEK TO INCLUDE THE MAJOR LECTURE, SEMINARS, AND TRAVEL TO CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS. FIRST CLASS TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATIONS TO BE PROVIDED AT GOI EXPENSE. (B) DR. GEORGE HAMMOND, FOREIGN SECRETARY OF NAS, WILL OFFER THE SERVICES OF NAS AS AN UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERMEDIARY IN FINDING APPROPRIATE AMERICAN REFEREES FOR RESEARCH

PROPOSALS BEING PUT UP TO THE MINISTRY'S FUND FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. (C) NAS WILL SEND TO THE MINISTRY AN INFORMAL PROPOSAL FOR A WORKSHOP ON SCIENCE POLICY TO BE HELD IN TEHRAN NOT EARLIER THAN MID-MAY 1975. PRELIMINARY THINKING EN- VISAGES PARTICIPATION BY 8-10 AMERICAN SCIENTIST/ADMINISTRATORS OF GREAT DISTINCTION WHO WOULD TRAVEL TO TEHRAN FOR A VISIT OF APPROXIMATELY EIGHT DAYS, THREE OF WHICH WOULD BE RESERVED FOR GENERAL ORIENTATION AND FIVE FOR WORKING SESSIONS WITH SOME TWENTY TO THIRTY INFLUENTIAL IRANIANS. ASSUMING TOURIST TRAVEL FOR THE AMERICANS, DR. RABINOWITCH ESTIMATED SUCH A WORKSHOP WOULD COST THE GOI ABOUT \$45,000. THE WORKSHOP WOULD PROBABLY FOLLOW THE PATTERN OF SIMILAR EFFORTS SPONSORED BY NAS IN SOME DOZEN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, BUT MODIFIED TO ADDRESS DR. PARSA'S PREFERENCE FOR EMPHASIS ON PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF S&T. IF THE MINISTRY ACCEPTS THE NAS WORKSHOP PROPOSAL, NAS WILL PROBABLY SEND AN ADVANCE MAN TO TEHRAN IN FEBRUARY TO WORK OUT A DETAILED AGENDA. THIS WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY SUBMISSION OF A FORMAL PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE A DETAILED BUDGET. THE EMBASSY VIEWS THE PROPOSED WORKSHOP AS OF GREAT POTENTIAL VALUE AND COMPLEMENTARY TO ANY PRO- GRAMS WHICH MAY DEVELOP OUT OF THE US/IRAN JOINT COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND EDUCATION.

3. IN A SEPARATE MEETING WITH DR. MEHDI ZARGHAMI, PRO-CHANCELLOR OF THE NEW ISFAHAN CAMPUS OF ARYAMEHR TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, DR. RABINOWITCH PROMISED TO ARRANGE THAT HE MEET WITH DR. GEORGE HAMMOND OF NAS AND DR. HARVEY BROOKS, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND SCIENCE, REGARDING POSSIBLE JOINT COOPERATION IN DEVELOPING A SOCIETAL SYSTEMS PROGRAM FOR ISFAHAN. DR. ZARGHAMI WILL BE IN US EARLY IN FEBRUARY.

4. WITH DR. KHAZANEH AND MR. NIKPOUR OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ORGANI- ZATION OF IRAN, DR. RABINOWITCH DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGING A WORKSHOP ON TRAINING AND RESEARCH FOR NUCLEAR DEVELOP- MENT. DR. RABINOWITCH EMPHASIZED THAT HE COULD DRAW UPON THE EXPERTISE OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING AS WELL AS THE NAS, AND EMBASSY'S SCIATT OFFERED TO SERVE AS CONDUIT FOR COM- MUNICATIONS TO FURTHER THE WORKSHOP IDEA.

5. IT OCCURS TO US THAT THE FOREGOING RANGE OF ACTIVITIES MIGHT WELL BE BROUGHT UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE IRAN/AMERICAN UNCLASSIFIED

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JOINT COMMISSION AND ONE OR ANOTHER OF ITS COMMITTEES. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE AS TO WHETHER THIS MAY BE FEASIBLE FROM WASHINGTON'S POINT OF VIEW AND WHETHER SUCH AN IDEA SHOULD BE PUSHED HERE. MIKLOS

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